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Next Meeting

7:30 PM, Thursday, August 14 at Jun's Electronics, 5563 Sepulveda Blvd. (Exit the San Diego Fwy (405) at Jefferson and proceed east to Sepulveda Blvd.)

DX Discovered in Simple Aluminum Alloy!

In a "not to be missed" program, our own Bob Selbrede, K6ZZ, ex-president and antenna expert, will explain why that beer can vertical beats six elements and how a few small changes make a big, big, difference. You see, it has to do with... (Better come to the meeting and find out!)

A Second Chance to Win the Big One

So you didn't snatch the Alinco Hand-Held or the Garmin G.P.S. at the Bash. Not to worry, you have another chance. And that ain't all, bunky...

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Bashed by Nostalgia

Frank Newton, W6SYG, found a few "whoops" slides in his tray.

"Bashers" were awed



by the ingenuity and simplicity of the 1940's stations. The slides had not been seen in many years. See pages 6 and 7

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Incredible Secret of the CUP



We'll call our club member "Jackie" and refer to him/her as "he". Jackie doesn't want his identity revealed for reasons you will come to understand.

Right after the old-timer's pizza bash, Jackie went down to El Segundo to visit his mother. "I had the fifty-year DX club cup with me," Jackie said. "Mom decided to drink some tea from it and set it down next to the telephone."

Jackie has a sister in Miami, a brother in Portland, another sister in Hilo, Hawaii. "After about five minutes, the 'phone up and rings," Jackie recalled. "It's Norma in Hilo. Mom was fit to bust. She said Norma hardly ever calls." Jackie's mom became faint with excitement. He grabbed the cup and filled it with fresh water.

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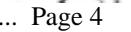


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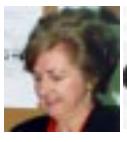
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RO Ramblings

by Larry Shapiro, K6RO



I would like to congratulate Will, KN6DV for putting together our July Pizza Bash. This was a meeting to remember. We had over seventy-five in attendance, including many charter members. Our oldtimers had great stories to tell. Maybe someday we can hear "the rest of the story". Thanks also to Frank Newton, W6SYG for a great slide show.

My July 19-20th tower/antenna party was a huge success. K6ZZ, N6RV, WU6T and I stripped off all my antennas and removed the damaged tower. Then we installed the new tower. All went without a hitch except for the two hours it took me to find a one and a half inch deep socket that was needed to remove and replace the tower base. If anyone ever needs to borrow this rare tool, I know where to find one.

A big thanks to these three hard working members for a job well done.

I put up a temporary G5RV antenna in time to make a few "q's" in the IOTA contest. Hopefully by the time you read this, my 10/15 meter antenna will be rebuilt and on the tower.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our August meeting. Bob, K6ZZ, will be our speaker. He will tell us about his experiences with antenna modeling software. One of his models will be my Force-12 "410/515" antenna. I hope the results look good!

73, and see you all in the pileups,
...Larry, K6RO



The Deadline for the September *BULLETIN* will be
AUGUST 30
Please submit as early as
you can!

1997 Programs

by Will Angenent, KN6DV



Well the July pizza bash is behind us and I think it was a great success. Someone called me the next day to tell me how much he liked it. He said "there was more history in that room, last night, than you can shake a stick at."

What I saw and heard that night is that those charter members are the real pioneers of our club. Thank you to the charter members and the past presidents. Speaking for the SCDXC, we are proud of you.

A special thank you to W6SYG, Frank Newton for showing us those real nice slides from the past. It was a surprise to me that the quality is still so good. They are 45 years old.

I think pizza, beer and old timers is the right formula. I am looking forward to the next one.

We did very well with the raffle and we had some good prizes, congratulations to the winners and everybody can try again at our next meeting.

Speaking of prizes, here is what you can win at the meeting:

- Garmin GPS unit
- Alinco hand held
- The ARRL *Handbook*
- The ARRL *Antenna Book*
- and many other prizes.

I hope you all liked the coffee mugs. If you did not receive one at the last meeting or had to miss the pizza bash, please come to this meeting and get one. It's sure to be a collector's item. There is a limited supply.

The August program will feature Computer Assisted Design of Antenna Systems and will be presented by fellow SCDXC member Bob Selbrede, K6ZZ.

Bob will be performing a demonstration of several popular programs used for antenna system design. Computer modeling of yagi's, verticals, wires and more will be covered. Additionally, the effects of local terrain on antenna system performance will be explored. Bob will walk us through the process of evaluating a typical antenna system by

demonstrating these tools and describing other resources available to assist in the design of an effective antenna system. If you have an interest in antenna systems and haven't had a chance to see antenna system modeling, you won't want to miss this program!

I hope you made it to the gathering (barbecue) at W6YA's and showed off by wearing the SCDXC T shirt. We will have some in the raffle and if you don't win, they are cheap so buy one!

Hope to see you at least at one of the events.

73,

...Will, KN6DV

Packet Spot Iron Cage Free-For-All Derby

by Harvey Shore, K6EXO



Here are the July results. 2002 spots were made by members of the SCDXC! Was it the IOTA Contest?

Spotter	Spots	Score
N6RT	370	355
W6LAX	121	116
W1HIJ	73	68
K6YRA	55	59
AJ6A	59	56
K6LD	40	42
N6RV	30	30
WU6T	20	27
W6AUG	22	22
N6UC	15	21
WA6TLA	20	20
W6KK	18	17
KJ6ZH	16	15
K6DU	7	14
W6RW	14	14
N6HL	13	13
W6BL	13	12
W6OB	12	12
K6RO	15	11
W6RT	12	10
AA6RK	10	9
W6ZH	8	8
K6WS	5	5
KG6AR	7	5
KR6C	5	5
N6GB	3	3

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MINIPROP PLUS Predictions

by Shel, W6EL



These MINIPROP PLUS predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 72, corresponding to a sunspot number of 13, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

DX Location:

9H Malta - to 8/20
Beam 37 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 8/15) 0425/1748

9M6 Spratly - 8/14 to 8/18
Beam 302 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 8/16) 2228/1045

J3 Grenada - to 8/21
Beam 99 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 8/16) 0959/2223

7Q Malawi - to 8/25
Beam 57 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 8/18) 0400/1536

T9 Bosnia - 8/24 to 9/4
Beam 30 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 8/30) 0414/1723

Band/Best Times:

40: 0230-0430.
20: 0530-0630 and 2300-2330.

80: 1200-1300.
40: 1100-1330.
20: 1430-1600 and around 0900.

80: 0430-0900.
40: 0230-1000.
20: 0000-0600 and around 1200.
15: 1800-0130.

40: 0300-0400. Also long path 1330-1430.
20: 0000-0030 and 0500-0600. Also long path 1400-1600.

40: 0230-0400.
20: 0530-0600.

VK9LL	Via JH4RHF
XV7TH	Via SK7AX
YI1VK	Via HA0HW
YM7PA	Via PA0TLX, Box 2010, NL-1180
	Ea Amstelveen, The Netherlands
YV30T	Via W4SO

Packet Spot Derby

(Continued)

Spotter	Spots	Score
W6OES	3	3
KC7QN	2	2
KU6R	2	2
N6HC	3	2
W6EA	2	2
W6SR	2	2
W7RF	3	2
WK6E	2	2
AC6RN	1	1
K6FG	1	1
K6OHM	1	1
KC6T	1	1
N6WMK	1	1
WA6WZO	1	1
N6IC	1	0
W3SE	1	0
W6AQ	1	0

(The Packet Derby automatically assigns points to stations spotting DX on the packet network. High-point winner will receive a prize...ed.)

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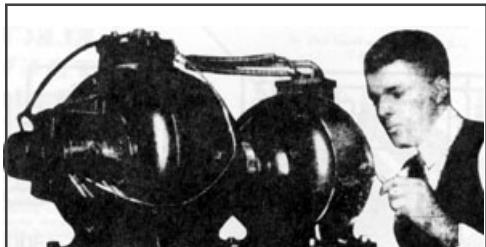
Dot... dot... dot...

By Guglielmo Pookah, E1EIO



Word around the hutch is that **Dave, W6AQ** is planning to take his **Cosmophone** to **Dayton** next year. "Real radios have **handles** on the top," Dave explained... **Jim, ND6G**, finally got his tower up. "**Larry (K6RO)** gave me a **bolt** from his tower. I planted it in the yard and kept watering it," **Jim** was overheard to say, "I think it took so long because I planted it in the *shade*." **Jim** says he has now planted **page 87 of the HRO Catalog**. "I put one of those **fertilizer sticks** through the picture of the **TH-11**."... **Dan, W7RF**, headed off to **Fort Tuthill**. "I want to be the first flea at the flea market," he quipped. He's

travelling at night because his home-brew 400 watt amp sucks up the air conditioning. "I like it better anyway, the truck stops have **fresh donuts**."... **Larry, K6RO** finally got his tower back up. "I'm leaving **Rich, WU6T** up on the mast until the antennas are delivered," **Larry** said, "that way he won't have to carry the winch up again." Before his battery died, **Rich** called **Patricia** on his cellular and requested a **meatball sandwich and a folding chair**... **Rick, W6SR** is finally giving up on that old rig of



his (see photo). He said, "I'm tired of changing brushes in the **E.F.W. Alexanderson Alternator**. I'm getting a **SB-220**."... **Bob, AA6RK** came up with a great assignment for his third graders: "I'm having them write articles explaining why their

DXpedition didn't work the West Coast," he enthused... **Sid, NQ6N** is considering mounting his **FT1000** on his **BIIIG** motorcycle. "Why not," Sid was heard to say, "it has everything else?"... What **unnamed SCDXC'er** tried to work the **IOTA** contest from a float in his swimming pool? (He was **NA-000/p**)... "Charlotte, **KB6FXS**, is so good at collecting raffle tickets," **Will, KN6DV** observed, "we're thinking of posting her outside an hour before the meeting. She might collect enough to get some **SCDXC belt buckles** made." **The Pook** predicts: **Big-Time DX-er** (and one-time SCDXC member) returns to Southern California.
...Dot's a lot...

...Gugli

(The *BULLETIN* is not responsible for Pookah's alledged observations. Gugli's portrait by 'Drew Duncan exclusively for the SCDXC *BULLETIN*.)

More Sexy QSL's

...and how to get 'em



Reports of erotic cards keep coming in. Currently, we are considering

starting with a "Naked WAC" award. A display of cards for the meeting has been suggested. What separates these artistic pasteboards from naughty French postcards is the underlying innocence. Hams are, after all, preoccupied with passions of the brain.

Here are more stations to seek out for your collection:

(Comments by the sender.)

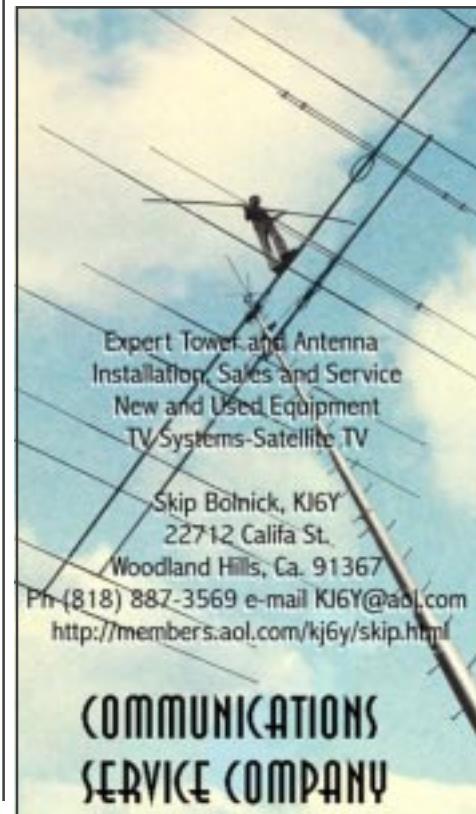
Station	Note
JA7BEN	(Rated PG)
JH7GRO	(Nice Derriere)
YC9WZJ	(You gotta see this one!)
FO4OK	(Also nice)
BV7FC	(Has a collector's set of 20)

Hopefully we will have more pictures in the future.

(Send your list and cards to the *BUL-LETIN*. They will be scanned and returned un-slobbered upon.)



Charlotte, KB6FXS collects Raffle Tickets.



Tex Myers, N6AHV

Named Honorary Member

Scrambled into that booming voice is a slow, sonorous drawl revealing "Tex" Myers' roots. The nickname was hung on him in the mid-thirties when Tex was in the army. He was fresh from New Mexico and Texas and Kansas and points mid-country, where he attended school and used his lanky frame to excel at basketball.

Tex was stationed at Fort Mason, close to the newly-opened Golden Gate Bridge, where he stood guard as a Military Policeman.

"Came to California June 6, 1935," Tex reads the date off a calendar somewhere in his brain. It's a miracle that the calendar is intact considering a life filled with motorcycle racing, bulldogging, bronc' riding, boxing, unsolicited automotive stunts and nearly twenty-eight years with the Department of Water and Power.

The image of the tall, lonely, serious-faced soldier, standing on the giant bridge, looking out at Alcatraz fits Tex completely. There is the nobility of his Cherokee heritage, the fulfillment of having "drunk his youth dry" in those craggy features.

The motorcycle racer turned pro in 1940. Tex must have cut quite a figure as he fishtailed to a dusty stop and pulled off his goggles. She probably could have had any man. She was that smart, beautiful and talented. Tex rode off with Opal's heart and fifty-one years later, they're still in tandem, riding roughshod over the bumps and chaparral. "Tex taught me how to ride," Opal says. She went on to win many trophies of her own.

No one dared to mess with the stone-faced referee. Tex officiated in professional motocross, probably holding up one of those big mitts rotating on top of a "big Bertha" forearm.

The smoky voice of N6AHV could be heard for years on irascible Bill Bennett's (W7PHO) "Family Hour." Tex was there when INDEXA became a benevolent power in the DX world. He served as president of the Southern California DX Club in 1989. His "rumors around the bands" was a popular feature of NS6B's DX net. Tex probably could have used that vocal instrument anywhere, but he chose his first love – motorcycles. For fifteen years he announced at the Old Timer's International Motocross Race.

The Myers fog horn began to fade when a nasty growth had to be removed from his vocal cords. Tex's parrot carried on though, mimicking the drawl and in the afterglow of unending radiation treatments, the golden voice is back. Well, not quite as strong or enduring, but unmistakably the exclusive property of the tall cowboy knuckling the D-104.

There, in front of the "spread" built just for them, Opal and Tex remember friends who helped



Opal, KE6IS creates colorful, highly-detailed dolls.



over the years, bonds as sturdy as those walls, "There was Bob, N6BIC, Gary, WB6PSY, Keith, K6LD, lots of them, others, too."

So, what's more a measure of a person, 336 confirmed countries, or the respect and dedication of close friends? Tex has them both, but the cards mark a mere anonymous instant. Friendships can warm a lifetime.

Editor's Report



Welcome to many new members, so many it's hard to keep track. It's great to welcome **Neil, K6SMF, Bill, K6CU, Ex-BULLetin Editor Gary and Terry-Ann Pesselt (WB6PSY and N6AXK)** and Tex, N6AHV back. We're pleased to see **Paul Lawrence, N6AV** sharing his busy life with us. **Gary, NY6Y** is with us, and **KR6Q, Tom Lewis**. Almost every day there's a new member, or someone rediscovering the club.

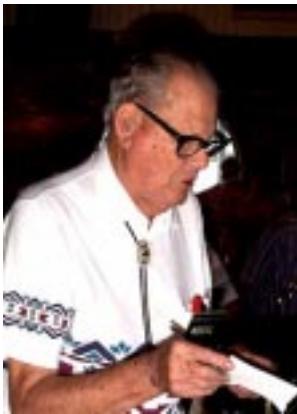
This month, we continue our search for erotic and unusual QSL cards. Add this facet to slow-scan TV, spread-spectrum, construction and boat anchor collecting. We have not had a report from the Epidermis II this month, but we'll keep following the Dxpedition. **Milt, W6RJO** has sent in another mind bending puzzle and we're looking forward to a stuffed mailbox. Whatever we can't slip into this BULLetin from the fertile mind of **Dan, W7RF**, we'll hold over for the September number. Watch for his inimitable style.

We're working on a piece about a new medical breakthrough that will be exclusive to the *BULLetin*. You'll finally know why you pour over these pages until they crumble in your hands. You'll see the "want ads" back in this issue. Advertisers know our **well-heeled subscribers** fight over items sold in the ads.

You'll find our addresses in this issue, send your articles, letters, want ads, complaints and sexy QSL cards. Or don't.

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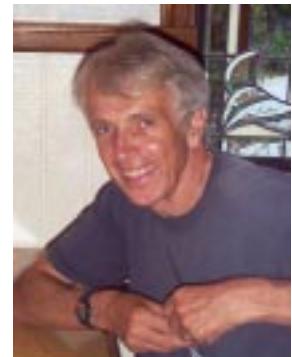


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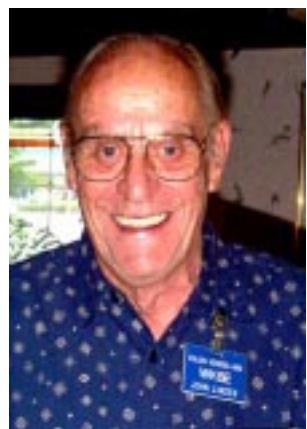
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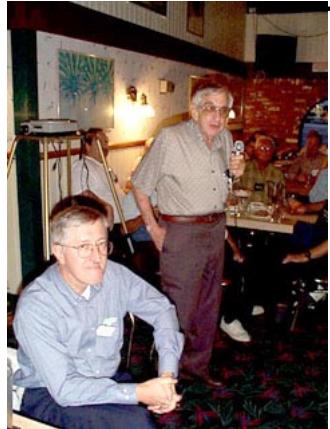
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Photos from the "Old-Timer's Night - Pizza Bash"

Here are some representative merrymakers having a good time at the "Bash."

- (2) Ex-President Bill Hoverman, W6FW buys raffle tickets from Charlotte, KB6FXS.
- (3) Charter Member, Russ Davis, W6CH.
- (4) Cathy, KF6LFB and Carl, WU6D
- (5) Bruce, WA7BNM listens intently.
- (6) Tony Notaro, K6FR.
- (7) John, KI6ZS.
- (8) Charter Member, Gene, K6OJ.
- (9) Patricia, KE6QCF with Ex-President, now Treasurer, Rich, WU6T.
- (10) Ex-President Neil, K6SMF.
- (11) John, WK6E.
- (12) Charter Member, Art, W6EA.
- (13) Bob, AA6RK.
- (14) Don Bostrom, N6IC and N6UC, Jack Hollander as Jack reminisces about W6AOA.
- (15) Charter Member Frank Newton, W6SYG.
- (16) Ex-President Harvey Shore, K6EXO.

Sorry if I missed your picture, there was a lot of excitement and distractions, and I just had to eat! Catch you at the next meeting. These pictures can be seen in color at the SCDXC web site.



CUP (from page 1)

Within a minute, Doralee called from Miami. It was nearly three in the morning there. While Mom rested in her recliner, Jackie performed a small experiment. Turning the cup handle toward the North, and placing the cup within a few inches of the telephone produced Herb's sleepy voice from Portland.

Jackie is a smart fellow. He was the star of several TV commercials for DeVry Tech. "Smart" does travel along family lines, and Jackie's mother caught on pretty fast. "I had to wrestle my own mother for the cup. I'm not proud of that," Jackie confessed.

On the way home, Jackie put the cup on the dashboard. In a few seconds, a huge Wal-Mart semi pulled in behind. There were no Wal-Marts in the vicinity, and the handle was turned east, toward Arkansas. "Coincidence?" asked Jackie, "I think not."

As Jackie put the cup in front of his Kenwood, he carefully turned the handle to the northeast. The band seemed dead. Suddenly, a Svalbard Island station appeared.

"When I put the cup on the coaster I got at the Fresno Convention, the signal went up three "S" units," said Jackie.

Jackie discovered that Asian signals increased when there was green tea in the cup. South American signals were enhanced by coffee, and a pinch of vodka assisted the path to Moscow.

At this point, many questions crowd Jackie's analytical mind, most important: "Will I lose my DXCC status?" He fears for his life: "What if I have the only one? Imagine something like this falling into the wrong hands." He fears the supernatural: "The Southern California Fiftieth Anniversary DX cup is possessed. There are some things humanity is not meant to tamper with."

Repeated requests for Jackie to allow his cup to be analyzed by the Metaphysical Institute have gone unanswered. Neighbors say that Jackie suddenly packed up his Isusu and headed for "somewhere up north." A neighbor told us Jackie "...mumbled something about the 'magnetic pole.'"

Jackie had tried to reformat and erase the hard drive in his computer, but we were able to recover files from DXLOG.

Entries were normal enough until the last few weeks when Jackie worked every coun-

try on the ARRL DX list on every HF band. After that he began to work deleted countries.

Cryptic notes crop up in the "comments" field: "...long path over the washing machine..." "7/28: Left cup on stove with handle west. Chinese food delivered."

The following day, Jackie's best friend (we'll call him "Burt") felt an urge to turn on his rig: "I hadn't been on in weeks," Burt said. "As soon as the thing lit up I heard Jackie's voice. He wouldn't say where he was, but there was fading and aurora. 'Way north, I'd guess.'

Jackie asked Burt to get his cup and his rubber coaster from the Fresno DX Convention. He told Burt to mount the cup on the coaster: "Any change in my signal?" Jackie asked. "Nope," Burt vox'd. "Goodbye, Burt," Jackie said with finality in his voice and he was gone.

Burt leaned back in his Sears Executive Chair. "Haven't heard hide from the Jackster since. If you ask me, I'd say he's up there paddling without his marbles."

Jackie's mother is asking everyone who has a Southern California DX Club Fiftieth Anniversary Cup to place it near your radio and turn the handle north. If a familiar voice calls, she pleads, "beg him to come home, then come over and tell me about it in person. Bring your cup."

Editor's Report

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This month, the *BULLETIN* lost two very important consultants: Our Astrogeological Consultant, **Eugene Shoemaker** was killed in an auto accident while hunting for meteor craters in the Australian outback. Shoemaker, along with **David Levy** discovered a comet that collided with Jupiter. He was uniquely qualified for a new and important field – that of exploring near-Earth asteroids. Shoemaker's **Astrogeological Institute** is located in Flagstaff, Arizona.

William Burroughs, our Literary Style and Vermin Consultant died at 83. He once recalled that his grandfather, who made adding machines and was a contemporary of **Hiram Maxim** and **Clarence Tuska**, may have had some interest in radio. Once, trying to shoot a shot glass off his common law wife's head, he missed by "that much." Sort of like trying to work North Korea.

Heard and Worked

by Mark Weiss, K6FG



Signals don't get to the sunny shores of Southern California like they get everywhere else. Sometimes, a band is open for just a few minutes. Sometimes, a rare

country appears at a crazy time or frequency. Here are selected reports from local stations. Send your report for August to the Editor.

Date Time Band DX

80

07/13 0214 80/CW EM1HO
07/14 0419 80/SSB EM1HO
07/27 1308 80/CW BV7FC

40

07/02 0556 40/CW CY9AA
07/25 0928 40/CW HL0Z/5
07/25 1014 40/CW VK9LR
07/26 1405 40/CW YC8UYB
07/28 1409 40/CW VK9LF
07/30 1111 40/CW R1ANZ*
07/31 1118 40/CW HL0Z/4
07/31 1321 40/CW FW5IW

30

07/02 0318 30/CW CY9AA
07/02 0326 30/CW OZ7C
07/04 1336 30/CW VR97SS
07/05 0505 30/CW G4RCG
07/12 0409 30/CW V26E
07/19 1446 30/CW V85HY
07/25 1031 30/CW BOOM

20

07/01 1355 20/SSB 3W4EZD
07/04 1906 20/CW ZD7BG
07/05 2132 20/CW OX/DL6QK
07/11 2147 20/SSB OJ0/N4GN
07/12 1821 20/SSB YP0A
07/13 0130 20/SSB UN2L
07/13 0446 20/SSB 4X2F
07/13 0449 20/SSB C40M
07/13 0452 20/SSB OH0AA
07/13 0453 20/SSB H25X*
07/13 0455 20/SSB EM5HQ
07/14 1401 20/SSB XU6WV
07/14 1426 20/CW VR2GY
07/14 1431 20/CW BV4PM
07/18 1700 20/SSB 4U1WB
07/19 0642 20/SSB KH0I

07/21 2200 20/CW SV5/OM3LA/P
07/22 1510 20/SSB 9N1UD*
07/22 1518 20/SSB 4S7SW
07/22 1554 20/CW JT1BH
07/23 1415 20/SSB VU2PAI
07/23 1416 20/SSB VU2NFS
07/24 1509 20/CW 3W5RS
07/25 0455 20/CW 5B4/G3LNS
07/25 1438 20/SSB JW2PA
07/25 1445 20/SSB GD3XSV/P
07/25 1458 20/SSB CY9SS*
07/25 1515 20/SSB TF3GC
07/25 1603 20/CW HS1OV
07/26 0512 20/CW 9A2WS
07/26 1521 20/CW VU2FKR
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07/26 1600 20/SSB VQ9IE
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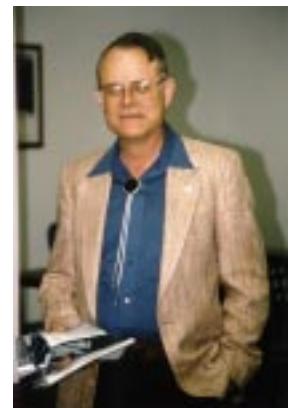
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WU6T, K6YRA)

Heyn to Step Down

Fried Heyn, ARRL Southwest Division Director will relinquish his position in time for the next election.

Fried is shown here responding to a grilling by enthusiastic SCDXC members.

We expect that we will be seeing more of Fried as his considerable talent and dedication lead him to higher and more important positions. Good luck, Fried!



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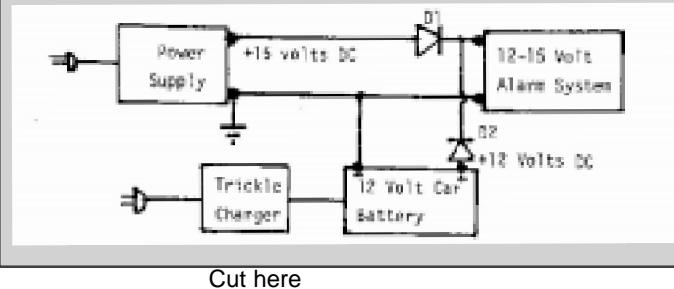


Ed Willis' call has been reissued, but he is not forgotten.

First to work across the US on 40 and 20!

Ham Puzzle by Milt, W6RJO

The following battery back-up circuit for a home alarm system was given to me without explanation. It looks like the power supply and battery are both connected to the alarm system. How does it work?



(Send your solution to the *BULLetin* Editor, email, post, FAX okay)

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Rogaine Rangers Meet The Retrohippie Pirates

Have you listened to commercial radio lately? Pretty dismal. Most commercial radio stations are owned by a few conglomerates. Infinity (Westinghouse) owns an astounding number of stations in the Los Angeles area.

They are all busy catering to the age 15-24 market. Howard Stern and Rush Limbaugh bookend the "talk" format.

All-news stations present a mind-bending irony: Sensational teasing, **"Water supply poisoned!!!"** Followed by the story which refers to some innocuous event. It gets

weird when you hear the same teaser after you've been "had" by the story, and you hear it again, and again, and again. You wear down the push buttons seeking decent music or meaningful, unrepetitious commentary.

It takes a lot of money, clout and attorneys to get a commercial radio license. There have always been unlicensed "pirates" and "clandestine" stations operating from homes, offshore boats and other colorful locations. Many of these stations used ancient amateur AM transmitters, showing up around 7.400 mhz. With the advent of easy to build kits operating in the AM or FM bands, the "pirate" only needs to find an unoccupied chan-

nel and he/she is "on the air." Can't say that these "pirate" stations provide better programming - many have obscure "axes" to grind, or suffer from terminal "over-hipness." But this may be an alternative to homogenized, ratings-driven radio.

The LA Weekly reported on the "West Coast Micro Power Radio Conference," attended by over 100 potential "pirates." In an interview with "Radio Clandestina," a staff member bemoans the fact that their passionate message is unheard by many who "lose the signal just walking from the living

room to the kitchen." A photo, captioned "...low voltage, high impact" shows a **VSWR between 5:1 and infinity**. Apparently, these highly committed and angry upstarts are not aware that *this problem could be resolved by another group of equally passionate, single-minded individuals.*

Imagine the symbiosis: Craggy, grouchy, retroverted radioheads living in the 30's and bearded, tie-died retrohip revolutionaries living in the 60's. It's a societal smorgasbord! What more can a person ask than to be needed? Here's a chance to put those years of amplifier overdrive and antenna pruning and tuning to work. This is why you stayed up late, forgot to eat and fell



off the roof. Your significant other complained that she/he was ignored and mistreated. Now you have a big reason, **a cause**. He/she will feel the rush of your passion. Politically correct pushers will suddenly see DX'ing in its rightful place, facilitator of popular justice. We're not collecting those cards for awards, bragging rights and twisted obsessions, **no**. It's ongoing education to further our knowledge and to be applied for humane purposes.

Those tall antennas, why, those are our testing ranges and... well, we can't say. Our right to communicate could never be denied.

Eventually, we'll have "axes" and programs of our own:

- "The Frugal Gourmet Cooks Hamfest Nachos."
- "Living With a Beer Belly."
- "Everyone Needs Morse Code."
- "Ham Radio Songs Only."
- "DX Contests to be National Holidays."

You can bet these shows will be heard. Right now, the FCC seems to be stymied by freedom of speech issues, but should we have to dive in and fight it out, perhaps landing in jail, it's okay, just don't make us listen to the radio.

(The *BULLetin* made many attempts to get permission from the *LA Weekly* to use the above photo. There was no response.)



Hams on the Web

by Dan Magro, W7RF
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For those of us who love to buy, sell, trade, drool over, or just dream about our radios and equipment here's a few places to try: The newsnet newsgroups are the best place to see what someone has for sale or post your own for sale, wanted, or info messages. (you'll need a newsreader and can get a good one FREE at <http://www.footeinc.com/>) The majority of this activity can be found on:

- rec.radio.swap (this is the main place for modern stuff)
- rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors (what part of this don't you get?)
- rec.radio.amateur.equipment (lots of different things are posted here, but still a place to check for listings)

There are also some other sites on the web with listings, but rather than send you all over the place, let me just give you the one site I like the best:

<http://www.fishnet.net/~ko6oy/swapage.htm>

Don't forget about the packet BBS system. Why do I mention this here? Because a packet listing is still a good place to buy/sell/trade and I have found that adding your email address to any listing usually gets more responses.

Just a few notes about buying and selling by remote control. Be careful when looking for that rare piece or when the price is already cheap enough. Trying to negotiate here will probably put you out of the running as the seller will have many responses. When it comes time to buy you can ask for a reference or two from any one else this person has sold gear to and always get telephone numbers even if the whole thing is done on the internet. See if there are any return upon inspection privileges (not common). Payment will usually be requested to be cashiers check or postal money order. Paying with Postal MO will get the government involved on a fraud action if the seller doesn't deliver. You can request COD but be prepared to both pay a bit more and be asked to send a small (up to \$25) amount in advance to cover a package refusal on your part.

Letters

Locks Strikes Back



I want to express to my fellow club members that I was truly embarrassed by the article about me last month. I wish to let you all know that I enjoyed my offices and positions in the DX Club and my mental health is excellent. My wife and I live in Henderson, Nevada in a beautiful home in Green Valley Ranch, I hope you will keep in touch, my e-mail is SALOCKS @aol.com. My telephone is 702-897-2438. I am active on 20 Meters and my signal skips over 6 Land. Hope you all had a great Pizza Bash, my best to everyone. Sincerely, Stephen A. Locks, W6FRZ.

PS I didn't know Harvey was such an accomplished comedian. He does have an excellent sense of humor.

What sense of humor? - ed.

Have You Hugged Your QSL Manager Lately?

SIXTH DISTRICT QSL BUREAU

Chris and Grace Williams, KG6AR

Dear Chris and Grace:

One of the many things we leave behind when we choose to apply for a vanity callsign, is our current bureau "QSL manager". I know you both have worked very hard to serve all of us in the "W6A" category. Without fail, your efforts have produced regular, orderly shipments to me. The small notes that you included in each shipment kept me updated on my account with you and whether you needed more labels, etc.

I hope the Sixth District QSL Bureau management understands what a great asset they have with you two handling the "A" chores for them. If they aren't using you for the training of new bureau volunteers, they should be.

/s/ Jim Duffy W6EU (ex WA6AUE)

Okay, Jim, now write to the other 25.

The *BULLetin* likes to get letters, especially if they're stuffed with money. There might be some slight editing and the letters must be signed.

For the most part our Ham brothers and sisters are pretty honest, but ASK QUESTIONS and be specific in anything you want to know (age, condition, does it work correctly, what comes with it, etc?)

Whaddaya got fer sale OM?
...Dan



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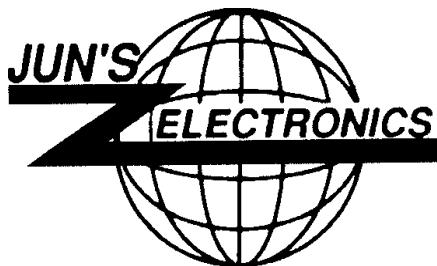
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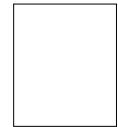
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